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THE VOLUNTEER CAMP.

Inspection By The Governor.

His Excellency, Sir Frederick Lugard, attended by Captain Hooper, A. D. C. journeyed to Stonecutters Island yesterday evening and made his inspection of the Hongkong Volunteer Corp. Arriving at East Pier at 5 p.m. he was met by Col. Chapman who took him to the West End of the island to witness the Artillery practice; from thence he proceeded to inspect the camp and for some time watched the various units on parade. He also visited the troops at dinner.

Later in the evening the officers entertained His Excellency to dinner and those present included—His Excellency, Major-General R. G. Broadwood, Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., Colonel Darling, R.E., Chamberlain, Lambert, and Glover, Majors Evans, Chitty, and Fisher, Hon. Mr. F. Baddeley, Captain Superintendent of Police, Capt. Heathcote, Capt. Hooper, A.D.C., Mr. A. J. Brackenbury, Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, Lieut. Cross, Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt, Rev. C. H. Hickling, Rev. Mr. Ennis, and Mr. Foster Nicholson. The corps officers present were—Lieut. Col. Chapman, Major Macdonald, Captains Thompson, Armstrong, Skinner, Lamont, Wood, Forsyth and Drake, Lieuts. Northcott, Scott, Plummer, Wolfe, Kennett, Ross, Russell, Andrew and Harley.

A concert was subsequently held when there was an attendance of more than two hundred. The concert was arranged by Lieut. Northcott, and proved to be a most interesting and enjoyable one.

On Saturday there will be section drill at 6 a.m.; examination of gun layers at 10 a.m. and drill with fuse cutters to be followed by gun practice at 2.30 p.m. and a C. R. A. inspection by Lieut. Col. Chamberlain, C.M.G. In the evening a concert will be held.

Sunday is the last day for the Volunteers in camp. A Church parade will be held at 11 a.m. and half an hour later His Excellency General Broadwood will hold an inspection. The annual camp sports will also take place in the afternoon at 3 p.m. when the band of the Middlesex regiment will be in attendance.

On Wednesday Corporal R. G. Wiltchell of the Infantry Company was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, while Privates Price, A. Gregory and Thomas were respectively promoted to the rank of Lance Sergeant.

SOME CAMP STORIES.

Heard in camp—Orderly Officer—Any complaints?

Gunner—Please sir, I can't get enough to eat.

Orderly Officer—Not enough to eat?

Gunner—Yes, Sir. They only give me two helpings of each dish!

Another story is told of a private who was returning from duty with a lamp in one hand and a water jug in the other. Meeting an officer, he did not know what to do with both hands occupied, but suddenly remembering the orders he called out in a loud voice to himself, so that the officer would know it was meant for a salute, "Eyes right!"

Mrs. Churton Braby—the Maud Churton Braby who wrote "Modern Marriage and How to Bear It"—is the wife of a London solicitor, and divides her time between her house in Putney and a bungalow at Horne Bay. She is a witty and entertaining talker, and a genial hostess. Although distinctly advanced in her general views, she takes her duties as wife and mother very seriously, and finds her chief recreation in her two small children. She was born in Shanghai and has travelled a good deal in the East and on the Continent. She was educated at St. Margaret's Convent, East Grinstead, and afterwards at Leipzig. Mr. Bernard Shaw advises Mrs. Braby to write plays, for which he thinks she shows a special aptitude. At present, however, she is at work on a long novel. She is an ardent "Shavian" and a member of the Fabian Society, and keenly interested in all sociological matters.

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4 p.m. this date will be landed.

MONDAY, November 2—

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TUESDAY, November 3—

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WEDNESDAY, November 4—

2.30 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's
Justices of Peace at the Magistracy.

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The China Mail

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCT. 29, 1908.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE
BANK NOTE.THERE have been but a very few im-
provements introduced into commerce
of greater importance than the issue of
the bank note, but like most other in-
ventions that have become the common
property of mankind, and to which we
have become habituated by long usage,
it requires to be reviewed from time to
time, lest the principles upon which it
is founded be forgotten or dis-
regarded, and lest abuses may creep in
unperceived to the great detriment of
its usefulness. One often hears the state-
ment that a bank note is merely a "pro-
mise to pay on demand" a certain speci-
fied sum, and that its convenience is
such that the public are willing to
accept such promises instead of the
actual payments in coin. Reduced to
its lowest terms this is doubtless true,
but it does not help us in any way to
decide what is a good note, worthy of
general acceptance, and what is a bad
or indifferent one, which had better be
declined; yet this is precisely the in-
formation needed by the ordinary mer-
chant or tradesman. There are in fact
three conditions which have to be ful-
filled before a note can be regarded as a
desirable one for general circulation,
and these three conditions have to be
approved and tested by three entirely
distinct classes of persons. The condi-
tions are, 1st, that the public shall have
confidence in the ability of the issuing

bank to fulfil all its promises; 2nd, it

must also be able to rely on the banks'

willingness to pay on demand; 3rd, that

the users of the note should be able to

discriminate readily between the true

note and any possible forgery. The

first is taken care of by the government

who make laws limiting the issue of

notes to a certain proportion of the

bank's assets, and enforcing the publi-
cation of the number of notes in actual

circulation from time to time. The

second is the consideration of the bank-
ing authorities, who are quite awarethat the whole of their notes in circula-
tion would be depreciated by the least

hesitation to redeem them at once on

demand, and a system by which they

profit considerably come to a speedy

and untimely end. The third is entirely

a question for the acceptor of the note:

who should be sufficiently familiar

with the form and engraving of the

note not to be easily deceived by any

substitute. A bank note is, however,

something more than a mere promissory

note. So carefully and jealously

have these points been attended to by

the Bank of England and other issuing

banks, that there is practically no

occasion to fear forgery in the matter,

and the public have been relieved of

its share of responsibility. The means

taken to secure this in the former case

are too well known to need recapitula-
tion here, and though the same meanscannot be taken by less august institu-
tions, those actually taken are usually

quite sufficient. We have heard

thoughtless and inconsiderate persons

declaim against the soiled condition of

our bank notes, calling them insanitary

and other uncomplimentary names,

quite oblivious to the fact that their

condition is one of their most valuable

peculiarities, and a distinct proof, one

that cannot be readily imitated, that

they have passed the scrutiny of

perhaps hundreds of shrewd and mer-
chants and have incidentally received

the imprimatur of their approval. We

had a somewhat similar attestation in

the old-fashioned chip dollar now

happily out of use. The germ carrying

capacity of the well-thumbed note

must be endured. Life is invariably

a balancing of risks, and the public

has practically decided that the risk of

dissease to be contracted in this way is

much smaller than that of accepting

spurious notes. In practical matters

the public is invariably right, and the

issues of all well established banks

may be accepted as readily as coin of

the realm.

But like subsidiary coinage they

should be confined to their own special

localities to ensure ready recognition by

all, and this can be done. There are

thousands of people living within fifty

miles of the Scottish border, for instance,

who have never seen a Scotch note,

just as there are thousands living upon

the other side who have never seen an

English sovereign. In the past very

many banks in England issued their

own notes, though only those at a

greater distance from London than 50

miles were allowed to do so, but it is

many years since we have handled or

accepted a provincial English issue,

the very much greater security

afforded by the Bank of England note

having gradually but effectually forced

these out of existence. It is this policy

on the part of the public here that we

recommend should be adopted regarding

the issues of foreign banks which have

of late years have become more or less

common in Hongkong. We have

already notes of the Hongkong and

Shanghai Banking Corporation and of

the Chartered Bank which are locally as

well known and are as practically secure

as those of the Bank of England at

home, and in view of this acquired

security it is a departing from the

commercial tendency of the age to allow

less reliable securities to assume the

position of standard coins. There can

be and there is no objection to the

acceptance of a foreign promissory note

as such, but it ought to stand in the

same category as the ordinary I. O. U.

and be accepted or not precisely as it

affords a security for prompt payment

on demand, without the inconvenience to

the holder of sending it to a distance

for that purpose; or it might be made

subject to a fixed discount—say 2

per cent., as is the case with Scotch

notes—sufficient to cover the expense

of its being returned to the issuing

bank for payment. It is not coin

nor practically coin as are our local

notes and is to be taken only at the

acceptor's risk. These are all very

simple facts and must be fairly well

known to everyone, but the point we

particularly wish to emphasise is that

there are notes now in circulation in this

Colony which rightly have the validity

of coin, and others which have not that

validity and which if accepted as having

it in the hurry and stress of business

will eventually lead to inconvenience or

even to financial loss, and further that it

is open to the public, and to none other,

to protect itself from such a conse-
quence.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Having left Shanghai on Tuesday, the

intercept cricket team is expected to arrive

at Hongkong to-night or early to-morrow

morning.

On Friday week at 9 p.m., a lecture

is to be given at the Y.M.C.A. by

the Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., the sub-
ject being "A Chapter from Irish Life."

The public are cordially invited to attend.

Lieutenant Lepage, a French explorer

who reached Peking last month, tells in the

Echo de Chine how narrowly he escaped

murder in the wilds of Tibet. He formed

part of an expedition under Captain

Ollone, which has been conducting re-
searches in Western China during the last

two years, and in which they gathered up

much valuable scientific materials. In one

part of their journeyings, the explorers

were attacked by Tibetans. They sought

the life of Lieutenant Lepage, who saved

himself by the happy thought of throwing

his money at the feet of the Tibetans.

They stopped to pick up the coins, and the

officer escaped.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Captain G. T. C. Dwyer, R.G.A., has

been selected for the adjutant of the Royal

Garrison Artillery at Hongkong.

Commodore Lyons, who is to succeed

Rear-Admiral Stokes, R.N., arrived at

Hongkong to-day by the Delhi.

The Right Rev. Bishop C. H. Brent

arrived at Hongkong this morning by the

S. S. Empress of Japan from Vancouver.

Lieutenant H. G. Bagnall, Royal Garri-
son Artillery, has been selected for theappointment of permanent Officer at Hong-
kong.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Bain and Mr. Horace

Bain, who were passengers by the S. S. Delhi,

having spent an enjoyable holiday in

England.

The Army Council have announced that,

in future, drafts proceeding to Colonial

stations are to have all articles for wear at

the new stations issued to them before

leaving the home unit.

Mr. C. H. Wakeman, Official Receiver,

"LONG LIVE LIBERTY."**TWO TURKS SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR INCITING REVOLT.**

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

London, October 28.
Two Turks have been sentenced to death, at the Criminal Court, Constantinople, for inciting revolt against the constitution. The public cheered the sentence shouting, "Long Live Liberty."

EMPEROR OF CHINA'S ILLNESS.**ADVISED TO CONSULT EUROPEAN DOCTORS.**

(Wah Ts. Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, October 28.
Yuan Shi-kai strongly recommends His Majesty, the Emperor of China to seek the advice of European medical practitioners regarding his continued illness.

PROGRESS DEMANDED.

(Wah Ts. Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, October 28.
Chang Chih Tung has been denounced by a Censor for being too conservative.

THE RAILWAYS OF CHINA.**EARLY COMPLETION DESIRED.**

(Wah Ts. Yat Po's Service.)

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A Censor has memorialized the Throne, asking that the Board of Communication be directed to urge the early completion of the various railways, in order to put a stop to the troubles which have so frequently marred the progress of the construction of the railways in all the provinces.

GOVERNOR OF CHIRIANG DENOUNCED.**AS BEING INCOMPETENT.**

(Wah Ts. Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, October 28.
Fung Erh Kwai, the Governor of Chiriang, has been denounced as being incompetent.

DALAI LAMA PRESENTS TRIBUTES.**TO THE THRONE.**

(Wah Ts. Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, October 28.
Tributes, valued at \$100,000 have been presented to the Throne by the Dalai Lama.

DINNER AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

The following have been invited to dine at Government House to-night:—Mr. and Mrs. Chatham, Mr. E. A. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad von Wier, Commander Heard, R.N., Commander Barrett, R.N., Lieut. and Mrs. Butterworth, R.N., Lieut. Col. Broke, R.E., Captain Butcher, R.A., Captain and Mrs. Proctor, Mr. Gray Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Gale, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Jaff, Mr. and Mrs. Rouse, Rev. and Mrs. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Northcote, Mr. and Mrs. Clothier, Mr. Stinson, R.A., Mr. Ralphs.

The following are unavoidably prevented from attending:—Lieut. Comford, U.S.N., Commander Ross, S.M.S., Tsingtau, Mr. and Mrs. Crofton, Mr. Trenchard Davies.

Colonel Glover has very kindly intimated to His Excellency that he has deferred the hour at which the Farwell Tattoo will take place this evening, till 10 p.m. in order that the guests at the official dinner at Government House may have the opportunity of being present.

Play in the Y.M.C.A. these class tourment commenced on Wednesday last and a number of games have since been decided.

What mamma didn't have headache. The little one quickly notice the difference when there is an aching head in the house. Then Stearns' Headache Cure is the children's friend.

THE BUILDING COLLAPSE.

Chung In took his stand in the dock at the Supreme Court this morning, before the Chief Justice and a jury, on a charge of manslaughter.

The Hon. Mr. Rees Davies, K.C., Attorney General, presented on behalf of the Crown, instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Howley, Crown Solicitor.

The Hon. Attorney General said that the case arose out of the typhoon of July 27-28, and defendant had been committed by a Magistrate, sitting as a coroner, after an inquiry had been held concerning the death of seventeen people, which formed the subject of the indictment. The coroner's jury had found a unanimous verdict of manslaughter, and the facts of the case were that about 1.45 a.m. on the morning of July 28, when the typhoon was at its greatest height five five-story houses at Shaikwan collapsed and fell on to three smaller houses and seventeen people were killed. The plans were prepared by Mr. Brotherton Harker the architect, and were submitted and after certain alterations they were passed as being in accordance with the ordinance then in force. The building was begun in August 1902 and after the plans had been passed the owner changed his mind and only built five houses.

Prisoner exercised a general supervision of the building of the houses and took upon himself the responsibility of their construction. Mr. Tasker on behalf of the Director of Public Works had signed a certificate that the buildings were in accordance with the requirements of the ordinance and also issued a certificate certifying that the buildings had been inspected by Mr. Harker, who was then employed under Mr. Tasker, stating that the provisions of the building ordinance had been carried out. It would be seen that the houses had been designed according to law, as shown by the superficial examination. After the collapse it had been found that the building was faulty as well as the materials.

His Lordship:—You allege that the wrongful act was committed on July 28. According to your opening the neglect was in 1903.

Hon. Attorney General:—As a result of the negligence the deaths resulted.

His Lordship:—I agree with the prisoner that the damage was done by the typhoon. You should charge him with neglect in 1903.

Hon. Attorney General:—The deaths were not caused in 1903.

His Lordship:—The prisoner is quite right in saying that the typhoon on July 28 did the damage.

Hon. Attorney General:—It is only necessary to allege the killing or slaying.

His Lordship:—Then the date ought to be omitted.

Hon. Attorney General:—It may be met by inserting the words "between the 25th August 1902 and the 28th July 1903."

His Lordship:—If he is liable, he is liable for the consequences of his neglect in 1903.

Hon. Attorney General:—If we only allege neglect in 1903 nothing has happened.

His Lordship:—What power have I to amend.

Hon. Attorney General:—The general power of amendment.

His Lordship:—It is not a prosecution under the statute.

Hon. Attorney General:—No, my lord. Where a statute imposes a duty upon him in the nature of a building and that statute is ignored it is evidence of negligence.

His Lordship:—It may be an infringement of the statute, but the statute is not the criminal law.

Evidence was then called.

The hearing was adjourned.

DR SVEN HEDIN.**Arrives at Hongkong.**

The distinguished explorer, Dr Sven Hedin, arrived at Hongkong by the P. and O. s.s. Delhi, en route for England via Japan, and Siberia. During his two years' travels in Tibet he has not suffered a single day's illness and has used no medicines, though he has been absolutely isolated. He travelled over four thousand miles, mainly in Western Tibet. He lived on anything he could procure on the spot, and neither smoked nor drank liquor. The cost of his journey he estimates at over £5,000. He stated that he had exhausted his resources, but had made valuable discoveries which would be important to Great Britain from the strategic point of view. He arrived in the sphere of civilization dressed as a Tibetan lama, but secured some garments and linen from the Moravian mission at Poo. He spoke Yarkandi during most of his journey and described the Tibetans as most friendly, adding, however, that the orders regarding foreigners were most strict. He was therefore obliged to burn all his clothes and English boxes and conceal his maps in socks of rice.

He will proceed first to Stockholm where he will give his first lecture and he will next proceed to London to lecture before the Royal Geographical Society.

FROM CANADA.

MOTHERS have the same terror of camp in all countries but "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy" leads in popularity from a prompt cure of this dreaded ailment. Mr. Thos. Matthews of Calcutta, Esq., Ontario, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy several times, and I can keep it in the house always. I can highly recommend it for children troubled with cough." For sale by all chemists and druggists.

REVIEWS.

Cantonese Made Easy Vocabulary, &c., &c., by Mr. J. D. Ball, I.S.O., M.R.A.S., &c., Hongkong, Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd.

That Mr. Dyer Ball has written many brochures on the various dialects of South China, the long list of "Other works by the same author," on the second page of this volume would inform the reader if he had not previously been aware of it. The Vocabulary under review is a third edition, thoroughly revised and considerably enlarged. The title is somewhat ponderous, and reminds one of the tremendous titles given to books by their authors two centuries ago, when printers had plenty of time to elaborate, even when it should have been unnecessary, if the contents of the book were clear. Yet we think that in this case the word "dictionary" would have more accurately described the volume. But this is a detail. When, however, we come to the contents of the work we have only praise to write in regard thereof. The extent to which the vocabulary has been enlarged may be judged from the fact that, whereas the second edition contained only forty pages, the present volume covers two hundred and ninety-four. We have examined many of the words and phrases, and as far as we have tested them, they leave nothing to be desired. The volume has not only been greatly enlarged, but has been revised with great care. One feature is the way in which the regular, even without a wide knowledge of the Cantonese dialect, at first, may acquire an accurate knowledge of the various phrases that have different shades of meaning, though to one unversed in the language the several Chinese words might almost seem to be synonyms. Let us take the English word "business," which like many common words has various shades of meaning. When the word "Business" connotes a "commercial occupation" its Chinese equivalent is shang yi, 生意, when it means "an affair" or "a matter," then it is shen 事, when it means "employment," then it is tai 差, and, lastly, when it is equivalent to "concern," then it is kwan. Meanwhile, brief phrases are introduced to illustrate the use of these words. The author asserts in his preface "one new feature in this edition which demands notice is a slight change in the representation in the Romanized spelling of two words by which a 'superior letter' is used for the final 'k' in the final 'k' and 'ch'." The peculiar pronunciation of the words has never been noticed before, and the ignoring of this peculiarity is one of the causes which contribute to the poor pronunciation of Chinese by foreigners. We think, perhaps, that this is over-reforming matters in a book arranged for beginners. What is stated here is certainly correct, though perhaps beginners will hardly understand it whilst those who make accuracy and rhythmic flow in speaking a desideratum will in time detect these subtle shades, and without much difficulty be able to conform thereto. We are quite sure that the republishing of the volume substantially enlarged will be a great boon to all learners of Cantonese, and even those who may not have made the study of the language a serious business, if they will give undivided attention for a time to the tones, the accented vowels, and aspirates, will be able to command sufficient Cantonese to telegraph in English to the Chinese of obsolete inventions, which need not be regretted. Verily, the younger generation is much to be envied. Those who came to China thirty years ago and devoted themselves to the study of Cantonese were consoled by Dr. Williams' Syllabic Dictionary, Dr. Chalmers' very English-Cantonese dictionary, and Dr. Keer's very insignificant phrase book. We are not belittling those ancient and excellent "helps," as far as they went; on the other hand, the way to successful Cantonese speaking is today very much easier, and the more one knows and up to date "helps" Mr. Ball's "Cantonese Made Easy Vocabulary" is by no means the least valuable.

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AMOI NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

ENTERTAINMENTS.
Amoy, October 27.
The Cinematograph Show which has been running at the Amoy Club Theatre for the last fortnight or so, will be brought to a conclusion to-morrow evening. A large tent is about to be erected on the Bund, Amoy, and the entertainment will be started again there.

TELEVISION.
The players chosen by the Amoy Fleet Entertainment Committee, to do battle against the representatives of the American Fleet, are, first couple, Messrs. Wallace and Wally, and second couple, Messrs. J. and J. and Fletcher. The matches are to be played off on Monday afternoon next, the 28th November. It has not been settled yet how many matches are to be played, but in all probability it will be the best of six sets. The ground is in very fair condition, and if only the weather would hold, the game at present. Amoy should do well.

WEATHER.
Still the heat continues. The last five days have been typical midsummer days, with a South wind in the afternoon. A gale has been signalled but no sign of it has manifested itself up till the moment of writing.

FLEET PREPARATIONS.
Preparations are now almost on completion. Fortunately the electrical plant will be ready in time, and the engineers in charge are to be congratulated on the satisfactory result of their labours since the typhoon, when it will be remembered the whole plant lay six feet under water. A large consignment of edibles of all sorts arrived this morning per s.s. "Shao-shing". Many carriages have been landed, and are being stored at present in the Lam Po To Temple.

The decorating of the Kulanjan jetties is being carried out by the Customs Revenue Cruiser "Pinefish". The whole of the pier has been festooned with red tape. Kitchen lights have been placed at intervals, and the general effect is very pleasing. The jetties are some 60 to 70 yards long, and are built entirely of wood. Buoys have been stationed near the jetties both at the Kulanjan one and the one at the Race Course.

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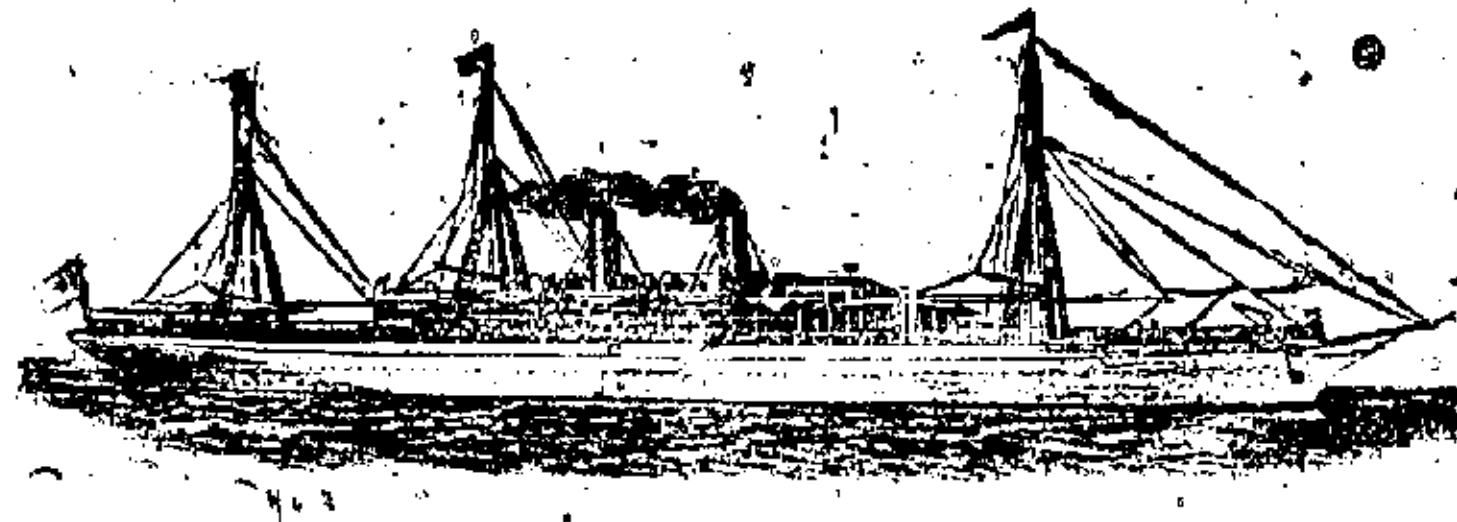
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PROPOSED SAILINGS.	(Subject to Alteration)
Y.M.S. GLENFARIG	Leave Hongkong, Oct. 25, 1908. Arrive Vancouver, Nov. 23.
Y.M.S. GLENFARIG	Leave Vancouver, Nov. 23. Arrive Hongkong, Dec. 14.
Y.M.S. GLENFARIG	Leave Hongkong, Dec. 14. Arrive Vancouver, Jan. 9, 1909.
Y.M.S. GLENFARIG	Leave Vancouver, Jan. 9. Arrive Hongkong, Feb. 6.
Y.M.S. GLENFARIG	Leave Hongkong, Feb. 6. Arrive Vancouver, Mar. 8.

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FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	ARMAND BEHIC	GUINOT	Nov. 9, p.m.
MARSEILLES, Via Ports	POLYNESIEN	BOC	Nov. 10, at 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	DUMBEA	BOYER	Nov. 23, p.m.
MARSEILLES, Via Ports	TOURANE	LANCULIN	Nov. 24, at 1 p.m.

For further particulars apply to P. NALIN, Acting Agent, QUEEN'S BUILDING, Hongkong, April 9, 1908.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.

FOR MOI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, SHIMIZU, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO on route to PORTLAND.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON
NUMANTIA	8th Nov., at Daylight.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and U.S. Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to S. SILVERSTONE, Agent.

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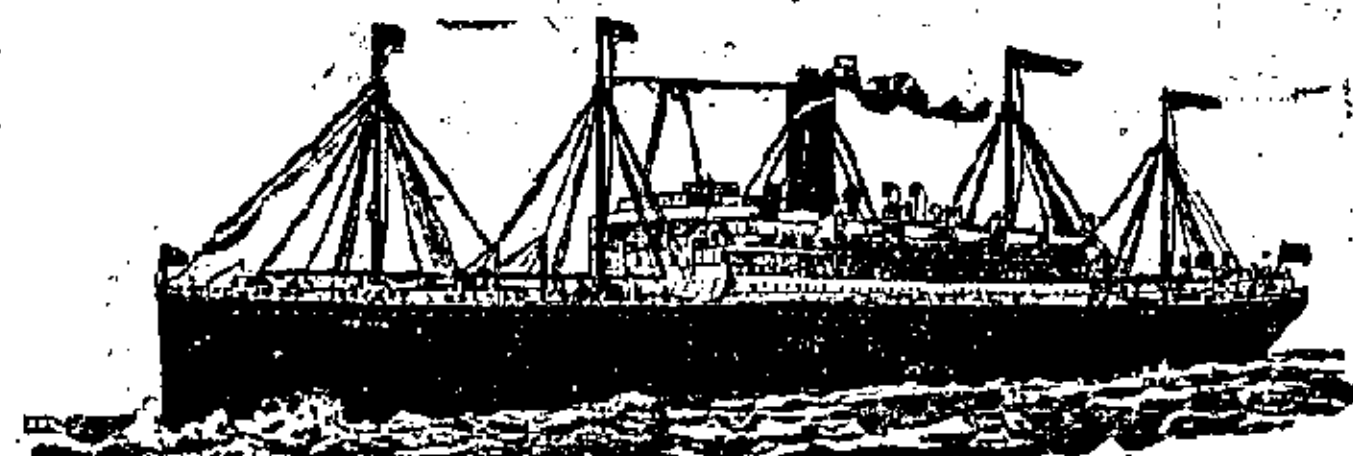
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG	(Subject to Alteration)
TENYO MARU	21,000 Tons. TUESDAY, 3rd Nov., at Noon.
KOREA	18,000 Tons. SATURDAY, 14th Nov., at Noon.
AMERICA MARU	11,000 Tons. SATURDAY, 28th Nov., at Noon.
SIBERIA	18,000 Tons. SATURDAY, 12th Dec., at Noon.
MANCHURIA	11,000 Tons. SATURDAY, 19th Dec., at Noon.
HONGKONG MARU	11,000 Tons. SATURDAY, 26th Dec., at Noon.
ASIA	11,000 Tons. SATURDAY, 2nd Jan., at Noon.
MONGOLIA	11,000 Tons. SATURDAY, 9th Jan., at Noon.

The S.S. ASIA and CHINA carry intermediate passengers only at intermediate rates, affording superior accommodation for that class.
Yokohama to San Francisco, via S. S. KOREA, 18,000 tons, September 12-27th 1908, 10 days, 11 hours and 5 minutes.
San Francisco to Honolulu, via S. S. SIBERIA, 18,000 tons, August 16th-20th, 1908, 4 days, 12 hours.

THE T. K. K. Steamship TENYO MARU will be despatched from Hongkong to SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 3rd November, 1908, at Noon, taking cargo for Japan and the United States.
SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamships.

For further information as to Passengers and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Koro's Building, S. SILVERSTONE, Agent.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	KAISAN	Oct. 31, at Noon.
HAIPHONG	SIXOAN	Oct. 31, at 8 a.m.
SHANGHAI	CHENAN	Oct. 31, at 4 p.m.
CHONGKING & TIENTSIN	HUGOW	Nov. 5, at 4 p.m.
CEBU & ILOILO	KEAN	Nov. 3, at 4 p.m.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PT. DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, GAINES, TOWNVILLE, PRISMAN, SYDNEY, ADELAIDE, with transhipment for ASHMAN, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE & PERTH	CHANGSHA	Nov. 21, at 4 p.m.

MANILA STEAMERS & TIENTSIN STEAMERS have superior Passenger accommodation, with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Saloons and Dining Saloon.
AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation, with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Saloons. A fully qualified Surgeon is carried. Cargo booked through for all Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania Ports.

SHANGHAI STEAMERS have good Saloon Passenger accommodation and take cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

N.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES, Single and Return, To Manila and Australian Ports.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.		
FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL. 1908.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMP- TON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG.	PRINCESS ALICE, Capt. G. Rett.	WEDNESDAY, 4th Nov., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI,	PRINZ LUDWIG, Capt. G. Rett.	WEDNESDAY, 4th Nov.,

A Reduction of 20% will be made on First and Second Class Fares to Foochow, until further notice.

These New Steamers have excellent Accommodation of First and Second-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. First-class Cabin Ample, Unobstructed Table.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports. For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co.'s local Branch Office, at Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Building.

T. ARIMA, Manager

Norddeutscher Lloyd, BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

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Shipping.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
YUENSANG	FRIDAY, Oct. 31, at 4 p.m.
KUTSANG	SATURDAY, Oct. 31, at 1 p.m.
HANGSANG	SUNDAY, Nov. 1, Daylight
HOPSANG	TUESDAY, Nov. 3, at Noon.
LAISANG	FRIDAY, Nov. 6, at 1 p.m.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN, Occupying 24 days.
The Steamers Kutsang, Hopsang and Laissang leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama, returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a stay of 5 or 6 days in Japan if passengers leave the steamer at Yokohama and rejoin at Kobe.

These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A fully qualified Surgeon is also carried.

Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin & Newchwang.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Telephone No. 61, General Managers.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

REGULAR THREE-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPIRATION ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIPANAS	JAPAN	Second half of Oct.	JAVA	Second half of Oct.
TJIKINI	JAVA	Second half of Oct.	JAPAN	Second half of Oct.
TJILATJAP	JAVA	Second half of Oct.	SHANGHAI	Second half of Oct.
TJIMAH	JAVA	First half of Nov.	SHANGHAI	First half of Nov.
TJILIWONG	JAPAN	First half of Nov.	JAVA	First half of Nov.

THE Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo, to all Netherlands-Indian ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the JAVACHINA-JAPAN LIJN, YOKO BUILDING, 1st Floor, Telephone No. 375, Hongkong, September 24, 1908.

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MINNESOTA, Captain C. F. Austin, SATURDAY, 9th Jan., at Noon, 1909.

Direct connections at Seattle with Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railways for all points in the United States and Canada; also with Atlantic Steamship Lines for all points in Great Britain and on the Continent. Direct connection at Hong Kong for Manila, Straits Settlements, Java, India, London and Paris.

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Trans-Pacific Cabin passengers may travel by rail if desired between ports of Yokohama, Kobe and Nagasaki, without extra charge.

For convenience of coastwise cabin passengers return tickets are interchangeable with regular and lines between Japan, China and Hong Kong.

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOSHOW.

THE Company's Steamship HAICHING, Captain PASMORE, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 30th inst., at 11 a.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LAIRDALE & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, October 28, 1908.



STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship ASSAYE, Captain C. J. DANIEL, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, etc., on SATURDAY, the 31st October, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above ports in connection with this Company's Steamship Madras, 15,000 tons, from Colombo. Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Suez and Valparaiso, all Cargo for France, and via London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, etc., will be reloaded from Bombay by the R.M.S. Mauchamps, due in London on the 12th December, 1908.

Passage will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to F. J. ABBOTT, Acting General Manager, Hongkong, October 17, 1908.

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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Calling at Timor, Port Darwin and Quairns and Towns, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TAFELBERG, etc.

THE Steamship EASTERN, Captain FLOOD, will be despatched for the above on THURSDAY, the 12th November, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of fresh Provisions, Ice, etc., throughout the voyage.

The Steamer is installed throughout with Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a fully qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To ensure the additional comfort of passengers the steamer of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 21, 1908.

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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1907.

£1,114,624 11 1

—Authorized Capital £3,000,000

Subscribed Capital £2,750,000

Paid-up Capital £267,500 0 0

—Fire Funds £4,065,374 15 7

—Life & Annuity Funds £4,516,842 10 3

Sinking Fund Account 46,907 6 3

Revenue Fire Branch, 2,280,662 13 7

Life & Annuity 1,247,254 18 4

Branches 8,282 5 0

£4,136,159 16 11

The Accumulated Funds of the Fire and Life Departments are free from liability in respect of each other.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

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PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.

7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

8.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

12.00 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

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11.15 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. Every 1

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NAVIGATION COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

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TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR
COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

STEAMERS	Leave to HONGKONG	Leave from HONGKONG	One at MARSEILLES (Brindisi) 2 days earlier	Due at LONDON (1 day later)
ASSAYE.....7500	Oct. 31	MOOLTAN.....10000	Nov. 28	Saturday, 1908
DELHI.....8000	Nov. 7	CHINA.....8000	Dec. 5	Dec. 19
DEVANHA.....8000	Nov. 14	HIMALAYA.....10000	Dec. 12	1908 Jan. 2
DELTA.....8000	Nov. 21	MONGOLIA.....10000	Dec. 19	Jan. 9
ASSAYE.....7500	Nov. 28	INDIA.....8000	Dec. 26	Jan. 16
DELHI.....8000	Dec. 5	VICTORIA.....7000	Jan. 2	Jan. 23
DEVANHA.....8000	Dec. 12	MOOLTAN.....10000	Jan. 9	Feb. 6
BETANNIA.....7000	Dec. 19	CHINA.....8000	Jan. 16	Feb. 13
DELTA.....8000	Dec. 26	INDIA.....8000	Jan. 23	Feb. 20
MACEDONIA.....10500	Mar. 20	CHINA.....8000	Apr. 6	Apr. 13

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said.
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STEAMERS	Leave HONGKONG	Due at LONDON
SUMATRA.....5000	Nov. 4	Dec. 20
SOMALI.....7000	Nov. 11	Dec. 27
SICILIA.....7000	Nov. 18	Jan. 3
NILE.....7000	Nov. 25	Jan. 10
SUNDA.....5000	Dec. 2	Jan. 17
NYANZA.....7000	Dec. 9	Jan. 24
MAITA.....7000	Dec. 16	Jan. 31
NORE.....7000	Dec. 23	Feb. 7

These Steamers call also at Singapore, Penang, Colombo, and at Malta or Marseilles.
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PROPOSED SAILINGS:
CORSE.....26th November.....AMIRAL MAGON.....11th January.

New Twin Screw, 16,000 Tons displacement, 1st Class accommodation, ap-
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Stewardess carded. All the most up-to-date arrange-
ments for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captains.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	SATURDAY, Oct. 31, at Noon.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	Nov. 7, at Noon.

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General Managers.

HONGKONG-BOSTON & NEW YORK

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK, via PORTS
AND SUZ CANAL
(With Liberty to Call at the
MALABAR COAST).

STEAMSHIP
INVERLYDE.....to sail, 1908.
To be followed by
BRAEMAR.....(for NEW YORK ONLY).....About 20th November.
For Freight and further information, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, October 9, 1908.

Notices to Consignees

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU,
JAPAN & SHANGHAI.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship
TENYO MARU.
The above-named Vessel having
arrived, the Consignees of Cargo are hereby
notified to send their Bills of Lading for
consignment, and to take immediate
delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge of the vessel
will be discharged at once, at Consignees' risk
and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 5 p.m.,
TUESDAY, October 27th, 1908, will be
landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
All cargo undischarged on FRIDAY,
30th October, 1908, at 3 p.m. will be sub-
ject to rent.

All cargo and otherwise damaged cargo
will be examined at the above Company's
warehouse on SATURDAY, 31st October,
at 10 a.m.

S. SILVERSTONE,
Agent.
Hongkong, October 23, 1908. 1460

AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
STEAMSHIP TUDOR PRINCE
FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo by the above
named vessel are hereby informed that
all Goods are being landed at their
risk into the hazardous and/or extra
hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.,
Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 2nd November,
at 2.30 p.m.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining undischarged after the 2nd No-
vember will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Underwriter on or before
the 7th November, or they will not be
recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 27, 1908. 1469

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S
STEAMER SOMALI.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,
PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed and
placed at their risk in the HONGKONG and
KOWLOON Wharf and Godown Company's
Godowns at Kowloon where each Con-
signee will be sorted out Mark by Mark,
and delivery can be obtained as soon as
the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here on
less instructions are given to the contrary
before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 3rd Nov., at
4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

Any damaged Goods will be subject to
the same as above.

Damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Con-
signee's representative.

At an appointed hour. All claims must be
presented within ten days of the steamer's
arrival here, after which date they cannot
be recognised. No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, October 28, 1908. 1472

'SHIRE' LINE OF STEAMERS,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP,
MIDDLESBROUGH, LONDON AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
DEBBISHIRE,
Captain DAVIS, having arrived from
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo
are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed at their risk into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, and
stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on TUESDAY, the 3rd
November, at 3 p.m.

All Claims must be presented within five-
teen days of the steamer's arrival here, after
which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining undischarged after the 3rd No-
vember will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 28, 1908. 1475

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
STEAMER TOURANE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo from LONDON
HAYE or a.s. Madoe; from BOSTON
or a.s. Ville d'Amas, in connection
with the above Steamers, are hereby informed
that their Goods, with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables,
are being landed and stored at their risk
into the hazardous and/or extra hazard-
ous Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd.,
at Kowloon, where delivery may be ob-
tained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless
intimation is received from the Consignees
before 3 p.m. To-day, requesting it to be
landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the undersigned, Goods remaining undisch-
arged after MONDAY, the 2nd November, at
Noon, will be subject to rent and landing
charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or
before the 2nd November, or they will not
be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined
on MONDAY, the 2nd November, at 3 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. NALIN,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, October 28, 1908. 1468

A NEW CONCEPTION
OF MARS.

By far the most original of the innumera-
ble speculations in which astronomers
and others have indulged concerning the
inhabitants of the planet Mars is that
lately published in a scientific journal. It
is well calculated to cause the reader with
a sensitive imagination to shudder, for it
pictures the planet Mars as being inhabited
not by millions of strange more or less man-
like and superlatively intelligent beings,
but by a single prodigious octopus, whose
vast tentacles, embracing the whole planet
in their grasp, are patent to us, it is said,
in the form of the enigmatic lines which
are usually called "canals."

The inventor of this highly dramatic
hypothesis, says Professor Serviss, shows a
good deal of scientific knowledge and
acumen in the discussion of his idea. He
assumes that the creature is rather vegeta-
ble than animal in its nature and that
it owes its origin to the peculiar climatic
and physiographic conditions prevailing on
Mars. He argues that the earliest life in
any planet probably appears in the form of
jelly-like masses floating like scum upon the
ocean. Whether this original living
substance would eventually develop into
countless separate individuals or would
organise itself into a single gigantic in-
dividual would depend upon various out-
side influences, among the most important
of which are ranked the tides and waves.

On the earth, where the tides are high,
owing especially to the influence of the
moon, and where the relative nearness of
the sun intensifies atmospheric distur-
bances, the primordial sea was so restless
that the formation of a single original life
unit was impossible, and the vital energies
were shared among multitudes of relatively
minute beings. On Mars, on the con-
trary, the absence of a large neigh-
bouring globe like our moon and the
diminished force of the sun's radiation
enabled the primordial ocean which
surrounded that planet to remain in a
state of tranquillity, and over its quiet
bosom the original organic matter spread,
slowly aggregating into one enormous
whole.

The daring thinker goes even further,
and suggests that something similar may
occur on the earth after it has lost its
oceans, a vegetable monster like that of
Mars developing from the gigantic sea
weeds of the Sargasso Sea and spreading
its enormous fronds over the whole surface
of our globe wherever any remaining
moisture may be found.

GAELIC IN EDEN.

[There is an old Gaelic legend to the
effect that the tartan originated in the
fading of our first parent's aprons of fig-
leaves into patches of various colours. I
enclose a copy of some verses written about
four years ago by an old Scotch parish
minister, in which the legend is jokingly
referred to.]

Shall Gaelic speech be ever forgot?
And never brought to mind?
For shall he be o'ke in Pa-
diso
In the days of Auld lang syne.

When Eve, all fresh in beauty's charms,
First met that Adam's view,
The first words that he'd spoke to her
Were "Kimmer-a-shum-chu?"

When Adam from his leafy bower
Came forth at break of day,
He'd always for his "Morning" take
A Quish of Uisguish-bagh.

And Adam in his garden fair,
When'er the day-dry'd close,
The dish that he'd for supper take
Was always Auld Bress.

And when w' Eve he'd hand a crack,
He'd take his Suet-shin bit,
And on the top y' weel micht mark
A bonny brow Cairngorm.

The Suet-shin Mull is fine, ma freens,
The nestling Mull is grand,
We'll take a hearty sneesh, ma freens,
And pass't fine hand tae hand.

When man first felt the want o' claes,
The wind and could tae fig,
He twisted round about his hips
The Tartan Filibeg.

And Music first on earth was heard
In Gaelic accents deep,
When Jubal in his Omer squeezed
The Blather o' a sheep.

The brow heppies is grand, ma freens,
In Gaelic accents deep,
We'll tak' another Filibeg yet
For the days o' Auld lang syne.

M. A. P.

Notices to Consignees.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship Laiting
having arrived from the above Ports
Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby
informed that their goods will be delivered
from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remain-
ing on board after 4 p.m., SATURDAY, the
31st inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk
and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 28, 1908. 1474

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Co.'s Steamship Fooking having
arrived from the above Ports, Con-
signees of cargo by her are hereby in-
formed that their goods will be delivered from
alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remain-
ing on board after 4 p.m., the 27th
inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and
expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 26, 1908. 1466

HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET
PRICES.

Corrected to Thursday, October 22nd, 1908.
At 100 cents per Dolon Mexican.

Butcher Meat.

Beef, whole and prime cut—Mal Lung Pa...	11 18
.. Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk ..	18
.. Roast—Shiu ..	16
.. Breast—Nagu Lam ..	13
.. Soup—Tong Yuk ..	15
.. Steak—Ngau Yik Pa ..	16
.. Canton Ngau Lau Shiu ..	28
.. Sausages—Ngau Chanag ..	28
Bullock's Head—, Slow ..	per set 10
.. Tongue Fresh—Ngau Si ..	each 60
.. .. corned—Ham Ngau Id ..	58
.. Head—Ngau Tan ..	80
.. Heart—Ngau Sam ..	12
.. Lump—Salt—Ngau Kiu ..	18
.. Feet—Ngau Kerk ..	each 7
.. Kidneys—Ngau Yiu ..	10
.. Tail—Ngau Mei ..	17
Liver—Ngau Con ..	12
.. Triple (undressed)—Ngau To ..	12

Galves Head & Feet—Ngau-chai-tan-lak, set \$1.00
Mutton Chop—Young Pal Kwai .. 12 |

Leg—Young Pal .. 22 |

Shoulder—Young Shau .. 20 |

Pigs' Chittings—Chi cheng .. 24 |

Brains—Chi Kow .. per set 2 |

Feet—Chi Kerk .. 12 |

Fry—Chi Chak .. 15 |

Head—Chi Tai .. 15 |

Heart—Chi Sam .. each 10 |

Kidneys—Chi Yiu .. 8 |

Liver—Chi Con .. 12 |

Pork Chop—Chi Pal Kwai .. 22 |

.. Corned—Ham Chu Yuk .. 18 |

Leg—Chi Pal .. 24 |

Fat or Lard—Chi Yau .. 13 |

Shoof's Head and Feet—Young Tau Kerk set 5 |

Heart—Young Shau .. each 6 |

Kidneys—Young Yiu .. 10 |

Liver—Young Yiu .. 12 |

Smoking Figs, To Order—Chi Chai .. 22 |

Suet, Beef—Sang Ngau Yau .. 20 |

Mutton—Sang Young Yau .. 24 |

Veal—Ngau Chai Yuk .. 20 |

Sausages—Ngau Chai Chong .. 20 |

Poultry.

Chicken—Kai Chai .. th 28 |

Jacks, Large, Small—Shi Kai .. 30 |

Ducks—A .. 30 |

Doves—Eau Kau .. each 16 |

Eggs—Kai Tau .. per dozen 20 |

Powis, Canton—Kai .. 12 |

Lantern—Hol Nam Kai .. 26 |

Jesse—Nol .. 24 |

Jesse, Wild Shit—Shi Yau Ngai, pale .. — |

Musk Deer—Wong Keng .. sach |

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